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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendments and remarks is requested. The objected to claims 38 and 39 are noted. Claims 36 and 39 have been amended. Claims 37, 38, 40, and 41 have been cancelled. Claims 36 and 39 remain in the application.

ARGUMENT

Claims 36 and 40 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dengler, US Pat. No. 6,581,103.

Claim 36 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 37 and objected claim 38. Therefore, claim 36 is now allowable. Claim 39 is also allowable due to its dependency on allowable claim 36.

Claim 40 has been cancelled. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

Claims 37 and 41 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dengler in view of Morris (US 6,496,851).

Claims 37 and 41 have been cancelled. Therefore, these rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 36 and 39 are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 264-8074. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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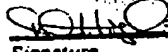
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